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In re Application of  
Thomas C. Kuracina, et al  
Serial No.: 09/144,398  
Filed: August 31, 1998  
For: Needle Tip Guard For Hypodermic  
Needles

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This is in response to applicants' Petition filed August 22, 2000, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d), based on prospective manufacture.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, II. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Carol Lake by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.

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